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To be used Yearly on the

Second of September,

For the dreadful Fire of

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Tho. Cantuar.



A FORM of PRAYER to be
used Yearly on the Second of
September, for the dreadful Fire
of *London*.

The Service shall be the same with the
usual Office for Holy-days in all Things,
except where it is hereafter otherwise
appointed.

The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ Let him that ministereth read with a loud Voice these
Sentences of Scripture :



O the Lord our God belong mercies
and forgivenesses, though we have
rebelled against him : neither have
we obeyed the voice of the Lord our
God, to walk in his laws, which he
set before us. Dan. ix. 9, 10.

O Lord, correct us, but with judgement ;
not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.
Jer. x. 24.

¶ Instead of *Venite, exultemus*, shall be used this Hymn following; one Verse by the Priest, and another by the Clerk and People.

Righteous art thou, O Lord: and just are thy judgements. *Psal. cxix. 137.*

We had sinned with our fathers: we had done amiss, and dealt wickedly. *Psal. cvi. 6.*

Therefore didst thou make us like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord did destroy us in his displeasure, and the fire did consume us. *Psal. xxi. 9.*

We became a reproach to our enemies: they that looked upon us, shaked their heads at us. *Psal. cix. 4.*

But thou didst turn thee again at the last: and hast been gracious unto thy servants. *Psal. xc. 13.*

For the Lord will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever. *Psal. ciii. 9.*

Look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him. *Ver. 11.*

He maketh sore, and he bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. *Job v. 8.*

He hath set his eyes upon us for good: and built us again as at the first. *Jer. xxiv. 6. & xxxiii. 7.*

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare his wonders that he doeth for the children of men! *Psal. cvii. 31.*

That they would exalt him in the congregation of the people: and praise him in the seat of the elders! *Ver. 32.*

Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord. *Ver. 43.*

Glorie be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Proper Psalms. XI. XXV. LXXXVI.

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The First Lesson is, *Nehemiah* the Second, or *Isaiab* the First Chapter.

¶ After the First Lesson shall follow *Te Deum laudamus*, in *English*.

The Second Lesson is, *S. Luke* xxi.

¶ After the Second Lesson shall follow *Benedictus*, in *English*.

¶ Instead of the First Collect at Morning Prayer, shall be used the Collect for *Ash-wednesday*.

¶ After the Litany (which is always to be used on this Day) the Priest and Clerk, or he that ministers (still kneeling in the Place where they are accustomed to say or sing the Litany) shall there repeat *Psal. li.* And then shall be used the Suffrages and Prayers (all but the last) immediately following the *Commination*.

L O O K down, O Lord, in the bowels of thy mercy, upon the sorrows and distresses of thy servants; who in the deepest sense of thy amazing judgements, and our manifold provocations, lie prostrate in the dust before thee.

To thee, O God, holy and true, belong mercy and forgiveness; but unto thy people confusion of face, as it is this day: For we have resisted thy judgements, and abused thy mercies; we have despised thy chastisements, and turned thy grace into wantonness.

What shall we then say unto thee, O thou preserver of men? thou didst find out the iniquity of thy servants, and punish them with a vengeance answerable to their grievous and crying sins. Pride, oppression, and fulness of bread
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had made this place like unto Sodom, and thou didst afflict it as Gomorrah.

We acknowledge, O Lord, thy justice in all thy proceedings, and the iniquity of our own ways : Yet behold we are all thy people, though hitherto too unthankful and disobedient : Suffer us therefore to implore thy pity, and the sounding of thy bowels ; and for thy Name's sake, and for thy mercies sake, for Christ Jesus' sake, incline thine ear to us, and save us.

Above all, we beseech thee, abandon us not to ourselves ; but by what method soever it shall please thee to reduce us, though to this bitter cup of trembling thou shouldst add more and more grievous afflictions ; yet by any, though the severest course, subdue us unto thyself, and make us see the things belonging to our peace, before they be hid from our eyes : that being duly humbled under thy mighty hand, we may be capable of being relieved and exalted in thy due time, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Communion-Service, instead of the Collect for the Day, shall be used the Collect for *Asb-wednesday*.

The Epistle, 1 Cor. x. ver. 1. to ver. 14.

The Gospel, S. Luke xiii. to ver. 11. or xvii. ver. 26.

¶ After the Sermon shall follow these Sentences :

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. S. Mat h. v. 16.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy : the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. Psalm xli. 1.

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¶ After the Prayer [*For the whole State of Christ's Church, &c.*] these two Collects shall be used :

WE bless and magnify thy Name, O Lord, for the great mercy thou didst vouchsafe us in the midst of thy just and dreadful judgments. It was of thy goodness that we were not consumed ; that when we had provoked thee to give us all up to utter ruin and desolation, and thy hand was stretched out to execute thy whole displeasure upon us ; yet thou didst preserve a remnant, and pluck us as a brand out of the fire, that we should not utterly perish in our sins. We beseech thee, by thy mighty convincing Spirit, to awaken our consciences, and to soften our hearts, that so being humbled by thy chastisements, we may by thy goodness be led to repentance, and sin no more, lest a worse thing happen unto us. Give us all grace so faithfully to improve this wonderful dispensation of thy Providence, that thy Name may be glorified, thy people edified, and their souls saved in the day of the Lord : Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

O Almighty Lord God, thou governeest all things in heaven and earth : Thou commandest the flames, and all the powers of the creation, and they obey thee : They become thy dreadful scourges, whensoever thou art pleased by them to correct a wicked people ; but when thou causest thy severity to give place to thy tender compassion, thou sayest unto them, Hitherto shall ye go, and no further ; and they hear thy voice. Except thou keepest the City, the watchman waketh but in vain. They alone are safe,
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whom thou preservest : We therefore humbly commend this Place to thy especial Protection, who art the Defender of all those that love thee, and do thy will, and trust in thy power and mercy. Grant thy people grace to look back with seriousness upon the sad desolation, of which a solemn Memorial is this day made ; and give them thankful hearts to thee, who after thou hadst pluckt them down, hast built them up again. Touchfate them a due sense of all those iniquities, which are the causes of such terrible judgements. Restrain us by thy especial grace from any new Provocations, which may kindle thy wrath afresh, and cause it to burn till thou hast brought us to utter ruin. Preserve this City from the Rage of Fire, and other such sad effects of thy heavy displeasure, and from the violence of evil-minded men. Hide the inhabitants thereof under the Shadow of thy wings ; make them thy faithful people, that thou mayest be always their gracious Father and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ Here may be added, *The Collects for the Second and Fourth Sunday in Lent*, one, or both together, with the Collect, [*Almighty God, who hast promised, &c.*] at the End of the Communion-Service ; and then the Priest shall let them depart with this Blessing, *The peace of God, &c.*

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